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PRESS STATEMENT FROM THE PREMIER, DON DUNSTAN.

SUBJECT: HACKNEY REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

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The Government has been anxious to proceed with the publication of proposals for the Hackney Redevelopment Scheme for some time, the Premier, Mr. Dunstan, said to News Review.

He was commenting on a News Review report that owners were angry at delays in the Scheme.

He said that during the period the Labor Government was out of office the proposals for redevelopment had been put on ice and the expenditure for redevelopment proposals had been reduced to only \$1,000 p.a.

"The result was stagnation, and this is the reason for the time lag now."

"We have been pressing on with planning for the redevelopment of Hackney as we promised at the elections, but most of the proposals put forward by the Hackney Redevelopment Committee have either lacked provision of a wide range of housing choices, or lacked effective services to local residents."

"Because of this we were not prepared to proceed with the proposals until we were satisfied everyone got a fair deal, both old and new residents."

Mr. Dunstan said the proposals have now been passed by the State Planning Authority and had been sent to the St. Peters Council for consultation and for subsequent public exhibition when residents could submit written comments and objections.

"The Government is bending over backwards to ensure that people who are living in the area do not suffer in any way."

"We have insisted that they are to be given more than the market value of their properties, together with special compensation if they wish to be relocated in other areas."

Mr. Dunstan said that if Hackney residents choose to take up houses in the Scheme, they are to be given first choice.

He said that the Scheme will give Hackney pensioners a first choice also, and would provide better and cheaper accommodation than any that exists in the Hackney area at present.

"In fact a significant part of the Scheme consists of very high quality pensioner units at low rentals."

Mr. Dunstan said that it was wrong for some people to suggest that the general public would be cut off from the River Torrens in the Scheme.

"In fact, they're cut off now and the Scheme will make access and beautification possible."
